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MARYLAND HEALTH
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Pamela W. Barclay, Director,
Center for Hospital Services,
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Proposed Amendments to State Health Plan for Facilities and Services:
Specialized Health Care Services - Cardiac Surgery and Percutaneous
Coronary Intervention Services - COMAR 10.24.17

Dear Ms. Barclay:

On behalf of Adventist HealthCare, we wish to express our support for the proposed amendment to the State Health Plan Chapter at COMAR 10.24.17 that would reduce the door to balloon time standard for primary PCI from 120 minutes to 90 minutes for 75% of appropriate patients. This change is consistent with the most recent American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines and is an appropriate standard to which hospitals with primary PCI programs should adhere.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Susan L. Glover'.

Susan L. Glover
Senior Vice President, Chief Quality & Integrity Officer

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